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Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

    (1) Response to Restriction Requirement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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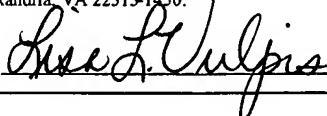(516) 759-4547

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 11, 2006, Applicant provides the following remarks for consideration: